



Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** schools make substantial contributions to the future of America and to the development of our nation's young people as knowledgeable, responsible and productive citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** excellence in education is dependent on safe, secure and peaceful school settings; and
- WHEREAS,** the safety and well-being of many students, teachers and school staff are unnecessarily jeopardized by crime and violence, such as substance abuse, gangs, bullying, poor discipline, vandalism and absenteeism, in our schools; and
- WHEREAS,** it is the responsibility of all citizens to enhance the learning experiences of young people by helping to ensure fair and effective discipline, promote good citizenship, and generally make school safe and secure; and
- WHEREAS,** all leaders – especially those in education, law enforcement, government and business – should eagerly collaborate with each to focus public attention on school safety and identify, develop and promote innovative answers to these critical issues; and
- WHEREAS,** numerous schools and school districts throughout the country, along with national programs, are among those innovative answers; and
- WHEREAS,** the observance of America's Safe Schools Week will substantially promote efforts to provide our entire nation's schools with positive and safe learning climates.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 15-21, 2006, as

LOUISIANA'S SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK

and urge all students and educators in the State of Louisiana to enthusiastically work together to make our schools safe, secure and peaceful places for learning, teaching and working, free of drugs, alcohol, weapons, and fear.



*Attest By
The Governor*

[Signature]
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 27th day of September
A.D., 2006*

[Signature]
Governor of Louisiana